

## MINUTES

### Indiana State Board of Education Business Meeting

March 1, 2023, 9:00 A.M. EST

History Reference Room 211  
Indiana State Library  
315 W. Ohio Street  
Indianapolis, IN, 46204

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**Board Members Present:** Dr. Katie Jenner, Chair, Ms. Katie Mote, Vice-Chair (by video), Mr. William Durham Jr., Secretary, Mr. Scott Bess, Ms. Erika Dilosa (by video), Dr. Byron Ernest, Mr. Greg Gastineau, Ms. Iris Hammel, Ms. Kristin Rentschler (by video), and Mr. B. J. Watts (by video).

**Board Members Absent:** None

- I. **Call to Order**
  - A. Roll Call: A quorum is present.
  - B. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. **Approval of the Agenda:** The Agenda was approved by unanimous vote.
- III. **Approval of the Minutes:** The Minutes for the February 1, 2023 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.
  - A. February 01, 2023 - [Memo](#)
- IV. **Statement from the Chair:** Dr. Jenner recognized and welcomed the meeting attendance of Butler University Education students and Ms. Angela Mager, Senior Lecturer and Assistant Dean. Dr. Jenner noted Milken Educator Award winner, Ms. Brittany Tinkler, a second-grade teacher at Rosa Parks Elementary in Marion County. The Milken Award includes a prize of \$25,000 from the foundation. Also, Dr. Jenner announced Comprehensive School Counseling Grants were awarded, supporting 26 school districts, charter schools and community partners to further develop and expand school counseling services and resources.
- V. **Board Member Comments and Reports:** Dr. Ernest stated the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) awarded Indiana the Healthy School Grant of \$10,000 from The Joyce Family Foundation. Work is currently going forward between entities (e.g., State of Indiana agencies, school superintendents, school board members) to learn about environments of school facilities, as well as, how to share learned information. A presentation will be given at the April 12th board meeting. Mr. Mapes piggybacked on Dr. Jenner's announcement of the Milken Award winner in his school district. Dr. Jenner brought a book, *Ada Twist, Scientist*, with her to show students at the award ceremony. Following the event, Mr. Mapes purchased the book for each student in Ms. Tinkler's class and she personally wrote a note inside the books to commemorate the award occasion.
- VI. **Public Comment:** Dr. Michaela Spangenburg, Gary Education Coalition, spoke regarding SB327. She believes this bill will establish indefinite state control of Gary Community Schools and asks for SBOE members to influence the General Assembly against SB327.

Ms. Kendra Johnson, Gary IN resident, reported she attended the National ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) Conference and is currently taking what she learned back to her community.

Ms. Lovetta Tindal, Gary IN resident, reminded the board of Dr. Jenner's words "partnering with parents". Ms. Tindal referenced a GCSC meeting the previous evening where students performed. However, the room was not filled with the students' parents. Ms. Tindal asked how MGT notified the parents. How much contact does MGT have with parents? Noting MGT

failures, she asked where is the reliable bus service? eLearning tools and direction? Safety? Humane treatment?

VII. **Consent Agenda:** The Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous vote. Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Common School Loan Applications - [Memo](#)
- B. Final Approval of Updated Praxis Licensure Test - [Memo](#)

VIII. **Discussion**

- A. HEA 1008 (2021) Update - [Slides 1](#), [Slides 2](#) Mr. Ron Sandlin, Senior Director, School Performance and Transformation, presented the HEA 1008 Update. Followed by Mr. Brandon Brown, CEO, Mind Trust, and Jacqueline Kronk, CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Joseph County.
  - I. Mr. Mapes asked Mr. Brown how many students started and finished the program. Mr. Brown noted 90% retention rate with 25 instructional days, mid-June to late July. Mr. Mapes followed with asking if the assessment used was state approved. Dr. Jenner stated DOE did not have a post-summer assessment, however, Mr. Brown stated the assessment was aligned with the state. Dr. Jenner would like more funds to expand the program and Mr. Mapes added a mandate would help, as well.
  - II. Dr. Ernest reiterated the importance of “rigorous, but fun” and asked what Brandon would do differently with additional funding. Brandon spoke to the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the program’s efforts to come along side organizations already administering quality summer programs and modifying these programs to add the 3 hours and 15 minutes of rigor.
  - III. As the General Assembly and philanthropic organizations ongoing efforts to reimagine education take place, Mr. Bess asked them for the freedom to look outside school walls and fully integrate community organizations’ true summer programs and rigorous learning as a new education norm and an opportunity for Indiana.
  - IV. Dr. Jenner commented on Mrs. Tinkler’s (Milken Award winner) efforts integrating community partners with her classwork.
  - V. Ms. Mote affirmed hands on learning engages retention and asked how we scale these programs with different environments. What does it look like with a facilitator, not a certified teacher? Brandon spoke to his program’s efforts, placing the certified teacher virtually and the facilitator physically present, and the importance of building capacity with communities in the future, where we are not relying on certified teachers.
  - VI. Ms. Hammel agreed applied learning should be student-centered and project based. She also spoke to relaxing some school rules and regulations, enabling student’s trust to experience their teacher as a collaborator in the classroom and their facilitator as walking beside them, rather than as a policeman.
  - VII. Ms. Hammel expressed the absolute pleasure to partner with Ms. Kronk and the Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Joseph County, stating the best advantage of the partnership is centering work around what is best for kids.
- B. Special Education Child Count Update - [Slides 1](#), [Slides 2](#) Dr. Nancy Holsapple, Director of Special Education, presented the Update.
  - I. Dr. Ernest asked Dr. Holsapple, “What keeps you up at night?”. She responded, certified staff shortages and academic impact, getting students where they need to be.
  - II. When Dr. Ernest inquired about support, Dr. Jenner pointed out one HEA 1008 slide, showing a higher percentage of Special Education support. Mr. Mapes emphasized the need of kindergarten age students.

IX. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.